running contracts in these commodities no new position should be allowed to be taken. Only squaring up positions should be allowed.

(b) FMC has prescribed various regulatory measures such as limit on open position, daily margins, limit on daily price variation etc. to ensure orderly trading in the futures market. Besides, the Government has introduced Forward Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2006 in the Lok Sabha on 21.03.2006. The Bill, *inter alia,* seeks to enhance the regulatory powers of FMC in order to empower it to regulate the Commodity Futures Market in a more effective manner.

(c) No thorough study of this nature has been done in the recent past. The production of onion during the year 2005-06 increased to 82.3. lakhs MTs from the level of 75.15 lakh MTs in the previous year. However, prices ' of onion and other vegetables are subject to fluctuations on account of a variety of factors such as seasonality of production, perishability, exports etc.

Complaints regarding irregularities in foodgrains distribution system

†1236. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOODAND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited in different States from Antyodaya Anna Yojana during the last two years;

(b) the details of the amount of foodgrains lifted under this scheme, State-wise during the last two years;

(c) whether the fixed quantity of foodgrains is indeed reaching to the targeted groups of people and whether any study has been conducted to find out this;

(d) whether the different State Governments have received complaints regarding irregularity in the foodgrains distribution system and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps Deing taken by Government for redressal of such complaints?

†Onginal notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a)AStatement is annexed as per Statement-I (See below).

(b) A Statement is annexed as per Statement-ll (See below).

(c) Programme Evaluation Organization of Planning Commission (PEO) and ORG Marg, New Delhi have conducted studies on Performance Evaluation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Evaluation study of TPDS and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) respectively.

In their March, 2005 report, the PEO has reported that the Foodgrains leakage (as a percentage of offtake of BPL quota) through ghost card is 16.67% and at Fair Price Shop is 19.71% (all India basis). The main reasons for leakages are that implementation of TPDS is plagued by targeting errors, prevalence of ghost cards and unidentified households and siphoning off of foodgrains from the supply chain.

As per the September, 2005 report of the ORG Centre for Social Research, New Delhi diversion of wheat and rice is 53.3% and 39% respectively at the all India level.

(d) and (e) The PDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments. The Central Government has taken the responsibility for procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of foodgrains, etc The responsibility for effectively distributing the same to the consumers through the network of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) lies with the State Governments. The State Governments are responsible for identification of beneficiaries, issue them ration cards and distribute foodgrains through Fair Price Shops (FPSs) scattered all over the country. The chances of irregularities can not be ruled out. However, when ever a complaint is received by the Central-Government, it is forwarded to the concerned State Government for necessary remedial action.

The PDS Control (Order) 2001 stipulates periodical review of functioning of the PDS by the State Governments and to furnish the outcome thereof. These reports are examined by the Central Government and necessary instructions in consonance with the order are issued to the State Governments from time to time. The Government of India are also holding National/Regional Level Conferences with the State Food Ministers and Food Secretaries from time to time to ensure smooth working of the PDS.

Statement-I

The number of people benefited in different States from Antyodaya scheme during last two years as on 22.2.007.

(Fig. In Lakhs)

SI.No	States/UTs	2005-06	2006-07	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.242		3.242
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.079		0.079
3	Assam	2.760	1.430	4.190
4	Bihar	5.003	9.131	14.134
5	Chhattisgarh	1.496		1.496
6	Delhi			
7	Goa	0.035		0.035
8	Gujarat	1.561	1.661	3.222
9	Haryana		1.109	1.109
10	Himachal Pradesh		0.789	0.789
11	J&K	0.542	0.322	0.864
12	Jharkhand			
13	Karnataka	2.497		2.497
14	Kerala		2.384	2.384
15	Madhya Pradesh		3.120	3 12
16	Maharashtra			
17	Manipur	0.249		0.249
18	Meghalaya	0.135	0.146	0.281
19	Mizoram	0.055		0.055
20	Nagaland	0.099		0.099
21	Orissa	2.428	2.632	5,060
22	Punjab	0.671	0.406	1.077
23	Rajasthan	3.629	1.924	5.553
24	Sikkim		0.066	0.066
25	Tamil Nadu	7.461		7.461
26	Tripura			
27	Uttar Pradesh	8.522		8.522
28	Uttarakhand	0.382	0.367	0.749
29	West Bengal	2.887		2.887
30	A&N Islands			
31	Chandigarh			
32	D&N Haveli	0.009	0.015	0.024
33	Daman & Diu	0.009		0.009
34	Lakshdweep			
35	Pondicherry	0.129		0.129
	TOTAL	43.880	25.502	69.382

Statement-II

Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat for the Year 2005-2006 (P) under TPDS

(In '000 Tonnes)

		Allotment				Offtake				%Offtake			
		BPL	APL	AAY	Total	BPL	APL	AAY	Total	BPL	APL	AAY	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	AP	1 086 13	2,26674	620247	3973116	1101 87	1507 07	608 56	3217 5	101 449	66 486	98 116	80 98
2	Ar P	28 56	6975	12 936	111 246	25 52	43.25	12.4	81 17	89 356	62007	95 857	72 96
3	Assam	625416	955 14	175 104	1755 66	595 48	444 58	181 09	1221 15	95213	46 546	103 419	69
4	Bihar	2,16665	2,291 52	472 533	4930 704	67201	25 55	421 06	1118 62	31 016	1 115	89 107	22 69
5	Chhattisgarh	532 812	1.045 80	254 82	1833 432	536 803	5225	229 189	818242	100	4 996	89942	4463
6	Delhi	148 464	996516	23316	1168 296	14519	30261	2215	46995	97 795	30 367	94 999	40 23
7	Goa	10221	118296	5 739	134 256	3 804	6 103	2447	12 354	37 217	5 159	42638	92
8	Gujarat	618063	2,787 56	258 785	3664412	471 11	17829	19234	841 74	76 224	6 396	74 324	22 97
9	Haryana	242516	1,01420	86 056	1342 776	195 25	1807	76 89	290 21	8051	1 782	89 349	21 61
10	HP	116648	348 9	62 284	527 832	95 56	179.07	55.6	330 23	81 922	51 324	89269	62 56
11	J&K	220 335	447 72	88 749	756 804	22577	346 96	73 09	645 82	102	77 495	82 356	85 34
12	Jharkhand	700 224	216 3	305 268	1221 792	380 91	21 16	28263	684 7	54 398	9 783	92 584	56 04
13	Karnataka	876317	2,035 01	407 752	3319 083	875 69	877 57	378 35	2131 61	99 928	43 124	92 789	6422
14	Kerala	•445 56	1,808 94	207 088	2461 588	436 973	323 932	200 722	961 627	98073	17 907	96 926	39 07
15	M P.	1,195 32	2,535 37	534 141	4264 828	1217 046	153 02	509 58	1879 646	101	6035	95 402	44 07
16	Maharashtra	1,91447	4,700 88	829 836	7445 184	1647 21	127 48	73641	2511 1	86 04	2712	88 742	33 73

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
17	Manipur	36 566	47 46	23 078	107 104	3393	14 89	1396	6278	92 791	31.374	60491	5862
18	Meghalaya	53568	45 024	23292	121 884	547	22 61	22.72	100 03	102113	50218	97 544	82.07
19	Mizoram	18279	72 02	10401	100 7	17 65	5589	1001	8355	96 559	77 603	96241	8297
20	Nagaland	35817	102 4	16263	154 48	35 61	94 66	16.44	146.71	99 422	92 441	101 088	94
21	Orissa	1,261 91	1,155 56	434 785	2852256	797 408	109 77	450493	1357 671	63 191	9499	103 613	47.6
22	Punjab	164 067	1.473 24	32469	1669776	71 11	884	1824	98 19	43342	06	56177	588
23	Rajasthan	593 382	2,763 76	340 018	3697 156	46957	204 17	300 57	97431	79 135	7 387	88 398	26.35
24	Sikkim	14076	25812	4 164	44 052	1405	24 04	432	44.41	99 815	93 135	103 746	96
25	Tamil Nadu	1,397 70	3,787 98	644 679	5830 356	1391 6	1663	657 63	3713.027	99 564	43 923	102 009	63
26	Tripura	95 364	179 232	28 536	303 132	92 77	66 96	2853	188 26	97 28	37 359	99.979	62
27	U P.	2,94511	6,494 46	1,539 69	10979	2560 263	40166	1438.28	4038718	86 933	0.618	93414	36.79
28	Uttaranchal	162 413	333 552	46759	542 724	166 282	53316	34615	254 213	102	15 984	74 029	46 84
29	West Bengal	1,447 97	4,089 18	562 571	6099 72	1294 459	1029 41	454.3	2778169	89 398	25 174	80754	4555
30	A*N Islands	• 7428	36.36	18	45 588	1 81	15.79	0.53	18.13	24 367	43427	29444	39 77
31	Chandigarh	8.748	75.516	0888	85152	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
32	D & N Haveli	5.192	7 14	1 528	13 86	1,67	0 89	0.72	328	32 165	12 465	47 12	23.67
33	Daman&DIU	1 236	942	0444	11.1	0 44	0.15	0.22	0.81	35 599	1 592	4955	7.3
34	Lakshadweep	0372	336	0168	39	047	298	0.33	378	126	88.69	196.429	96.92
35	Pondicherry	22 862	13.2	12.25	48312	1253	52	7.91	2564	54.807	39394	64571	5307
	TOTAL	19,199 75	44,35333	8,06843	71,621.51	15,64252	8,020.49	7,44234	31,105.35	81 473	81.083	92.24	43.43

Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat for the Year 2006-2007 (P) (upto December) under TPDS

(In '000 Tonnes)

SI	No States/UTs	Allotment				Offtake				%Offtake			
		BPL	APL	AAY	TOTAL	BPL	APL	AAY	TOTAL	BPL	APL	AAY	Total
1	AP	789.066	1.645 69	490716	2925473	794 193	1107.12	494.634	2395944	100.65	67 274	100 798	81.9
2	Aru. P	19143	46236	11.979	77.358	15.638	33.19	891	57.738	81 69	71.784	7438	74.64
3	Assam	357.525	706 338	220 662	1284 525	360 886	526.992	199.067	1086.945	100.94	74609	90.214	84 62
4	Bihar	1,523.56	1.024 09	472599	3020 244	313793	6.64	406.313	726.746	20 596	0648	85974	24 06
5	Chhatisgarh	362 266	629 063	219.764	1211 093	346 126	23.964	206.969	577.059	95 545	3 809	94178	47 65
6	Delhi	111.348	504.899	17487	633 734	110.145	265.25	17164	392.559	98.92	52.535	98 153	61.94
7	Goa	4095	69 095	4.581	77 771	304	9.93	2.69	15.66	74.237	14372	58721	20 14
8	Gujarat	398769	1,14596	213.012	1757.742	365 598	79.392	200 134	645.124	91.682	6.928	93954	367
9	Haryana	169 008	398 467	78689	646 164	153 235	2.517	74.04	229 792	90 667	0.632	94 092	35 56
1	HP	37.15	231.224	56 109	324 483	36 889	175491	57.448	269 828	99.297	75 897	102 386	83 16
Î	J&K	154 653	35579	77.16	587.603	161 305	266789	72.549	500 643	104.30	74.985	94 024	852
Ì	Jharkhand	525 168	142 001	228 951	896 12	309 848	10415	220743	541.006	59	7334	96415	60.37
Î	Karnataka	575.52	1.196.42	367 039	2138975	563 122	64579	348.371	1557 283	97 846	53.977	94.914	7281
Ì	Kerala	30369	1,204 87	185.766	1694 325	297 284	267158	185 584	750 026	97.891	22 173	99 902	44 27
Í	M.P	795.69	837 016	485.889	2118.595	774.656	111.587	455.493	1341 736	97.357	13 332	93744	63 33
Ì	Maharashtra	1.43 31	1,81297	624.915	3871 202	1200 324	123 76	540.673	1864757	83.745	6.826	86.519	4817
Í	Manipur	36 414	30.621	15 885	8292	31 536	10594	13.873	56 003	86.604	34 597	87.334	67 54
Ì	Meghalaya	40.131	33.442	17.514	91 087	39 997	28259	17 131	85387	99 666	84.502	97 813	9374

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	, 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
19	Mizoram	1323	29 602	8 19	51 022	13 23	30 834	8 19	52 254	100	104 162	■100	102 41
20	Nagaland	24 084	57378	14 976	96438	29.111	55206	17988	102 305	120	96215	120	106
21	Orissa	874 583	632 797	397 936	1905 316	522 645	101 481	348 222	972.348	59759	16037	87 507	51 03
22	Punjab	103 671	521 999	43 731	669 401	45 144	33 122	24 472	102 738	43.545	6345	5596	1535
23	Rajasthan	447 49	1.066 28	288.277	1802 046	386 344	105 635	257 378	749 357	86.336	9 907	89 281	41 58
24	Sikkim	9633	19 394	4 047	33074	4 3	6 83	1 78	12.91	44.638	35217	43983	39 03
25	Tamil Nadu	944424	2,81647	587 358	4348248	761 482	1144 09	581 711	2487 278	80.629	40.621	99 039	572
26	Tripura	71.523	129 65	21 402	222.575	5932	87 959	18324	165 603	82.938	67 843	85618	744
27	U P	2,07524	3,00659	1,29014	6371 974	1436.07	219419	1030.16	2685653	692	7 298	79849	42.15
28	Uttaranchal	137 373	243 54	54 368	435 281	98.597	68 745	32.43	199 772	71.773	28227	59649	4589
29	West Bengal	1.13367	2,620 86	466 263	422079	836 361	632533	381 57	1850.464	73.775	24 135	81 836	4384
30	A & N Islands	3 78	16 112	1 35	21.242	223	12.33	0 65	1521	58995	76.527	48148	71 16
31	Chandigarh	1 879	25 995	0666	2854	021	NA	007	028	11 176	NA	10511	0.98
32	D & N Haveli	3 817	4.957	1.223	9997	2.54	1.52	038	4.44	66 544	30 664	31.071	44.41
33	Daman & DIU	0783	6656	0477	7.916	0.41	02	0 35	096	52 363	3.005	73.375	1213
34	Lakshadweep	0 235	2 67	0 122	3.027	024	1.43	0 06	173	102128	53558	49 18	5715
35	Pondicherry	16.173	374	10.161	63734	10.19	1 16	5.76	17 11	63006	3 102	56 687	2685
	TOTAL	13498 09	23,25253	6979.41	43,730 04	10,086.04	6,197 32	6,231 29	22,51465	74722	26 652	89 281	51.486